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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF NOVEMBER 12, 2003

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Dear Sir:

In response to the examiner's restriction requirement of November 12, 2003, the applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, comprising claims 1 through 18. Reconsideration, however, is requested.

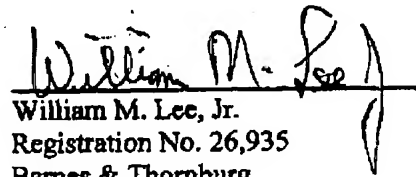
Although the examiner's office action has the typical paragraphs regarding combination and subcombination, as the examiner has admitted, both "inventions" are classified in the same class and same subclass. Were there different classification, then perhaps the examiner's requirement would make more sense. However, since both groups of claims are to be classified in the identical class and subclass, there appears to be no basis for separation.

Furthermore, the examiner has indicated that the subcombination has "separate utility". If the claims of Group II are a subcombination, then those claims should be subsumed within the scope of the combination. As such, separate utility would make no sense.

It is therefore requested that the examiner reconsider the requirement for restriction and retain all claims in the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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